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AGUSTINHO GUTHERMANN ROMANO.
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 11th, 1892.

That apostle of sensationalism, Mr. W. T. STRAN, has started a "boom" on ghosts. There has of late years been a noticeable revival of credulity, and Mr. STRAN would hardly have been the man he is if he had failed to take advantage of it in some form or another. Accordingly he invited the readers of his *Review of Reviews* to send him any experiences they might have had of ghostly communications. The result is before us in the Christmas number of that journal, which is entitled "Real Ghost Stories." By way of sherry and butter before the feast the author prints a caution to the reader, who is solemnly warned (1) that the narratives had better not be read by any one of tender years, of morbid excitability, or of excessively nervous temperament; (2) that the latest studies of the subject concern in the solemn warning addressed in the Sacred Writings to those who have dealings with familiar spirits, or who expose themselves to the horrible possibilities of possession; (3) that as the latent possibilities of our complex personality are so imperfectly understood, all experimenting in hypnotism, spiritualism, etc., except in the most careful and reverent spirit by the most level-headed persons, had much better be avoided. Having thus set the mind of the weak and apprehensive reader properly attuned, and whetted the appetite of the curious, the ghosts are introduced. In a preface the phenomena of hypnotism, with their suggestions of a double and in some cases triple consciousness are dealt with, the conclusion arrived at being stated as follows: "Whatever may be the true theory, it is evident that there is enough mystery about personality to make us very different about dogmatizing, especially as to what is possible and what is not. Whether we have one mind or two let us, at least, 'keep it (or them) open.' By all means, but not so open as to take for gospel all the narratives here presented. Mr. STRAN began to write his Christmas number in a small country-house among the Surrey hills, the hosts of which were possessed of the

power of appearing "thought body" to persons at a distance from their real body, and instances of such appearances are recorded. Mr. STRAN asked Mrs. BERRY whether she thought her husband was communicating with her friends who had seen the alleged apparitions had not been the victims of some illusion. "Oh no," said Mrs. BERRY cheerfully. "There is nothing in it, probably about it. Very possibly she has this faculty, it is not uncommon 'as you think,' and the convert to Theosophy went on to talk of astral bodies. Although there are no wanting genuine ghost stories, that is, stories of the phenomena of the dead appearing to the living, the major part of the entertaining Christmas number is devoted to the appearance of the double, or the thought body. What is described as the best case of the projection of the thought body at will is that of a stockbroker—advertisers have some experience of the gullibility of mankind—who states that on Sunday night in November, 1881, he was in Kildare Gardens, when he would very strongly that he would visit in spirit two lady friends, the Misses V., who were living three miles off in Hogarth Road. He called that he should do this at one o'clock in the morning, and having waited till he went to sleep. Next Thursday, when his first two friends, the older lady told him she woke up and saw his apparition advancing to her bedside. She screamed and woke her sister, who also saw him. A signed statement by both sisters accompanied the narrative in "Phantasmagoria," from which volume Mr. STRAN has transferred it, and it is said to be verified by the Psychological Research Society. There is one very obvious remark to be made on this tale, which is that a man, who, possessing such a power, would always be to the other two girls by projecting his thought body into their bedroom in the middle of the night, deserves to have his real body kept to hard labour for the rest of his natural life. We would rather hold the stockbroker guilty of simple untruthfulness than of such a wanton and useless piece of credulity.

Rigid cross-examination or independent investigation would no doubt completely demolish most of the "Real Ghost Stories" as exemplified by Mr. EDWARD HONESTY, who was the Chief Justice of Her Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court in China and Japan and left Shanghai for home in the early part of 1878. A few years afterwards he published, in the *Nineteenth Century*, a very remarkable and apparently convincing tale of an apparition. We have lost our reference to the date and are therefore dependent upon memory, but as the tale was reproduced in most of the China papers one of our Shanghai correspondents may be able to resuscitate it. The local reporters had been accustomed to go to Mr. EDWARD for copies of the judgments he delivered, and his tale was to the effect that one night while he was lying in bed one of these gentlemen entered his room and asked for the manuscript of a judgment that had been delivered that day. The Judge, not unnaturally resented the intrusion, but being impressed by the earnestness of his visitor he finally told him where he would find what he wanted; at the exact time at which this apparition occurred the reporter had died suddenly. But when the tale came out to Shanghai, where the circumstances of the death were known, it was seen that it was erroneous in almost every particular. The death took place in the afternoon, not at night, and Mr. EDWARD had gone so far away as to have become oblivious of the date of his own marriage, the verisimilitude of the narrative being increased by a reference to his wife's presence in the house, whereas he was then a widower and did not marry again until some time afterwards. It is unnecessary to question the writer's bona fides. The reference to his wife was of course a slip, and for the rest the most probable explanation is that the sudden death of a man whom he was in the habit of seeing almost daily had for some reason made a strong impression on him—possibly the news reached him while he was in the state of nervous excitability—and that his imagination played round the event until it had woven the tale which Mr. EDWARD presented to his readers and which no doubt appeared to himself absolutely true. Such, we imagine, is the explanation of most of these alleged apparitions. Mr. STRAN narrates the well-known case of Lord BROTHAM, who when a young man drew up an arrangement with a friend, which was written with his blood, to the effect that whichever of them died the first should appear to the other and thus solve any doubts they might have had as to the life after death. His friend went out to India and in a few years Lord BROTHAM had nearly forgotten him. One day Lord BROTHAM had taken a warm bath, and while lying in it and enjoying the comfort of the heat, he turned his head round, looking towards the chair on which he had deposited his clothes, as he was about to get out of the bath. "On the chair sat G—," looking calmly at me. How I got out of the bath I know not; but on recovering my senses I found myself sprawling on the floor. The apparition or whatever it was that had "taken the likeness of G—" had disappeared." Lord BROTHAM wrote out the particulars while he was fresh in his mind, and suggested that he had fallen asleep and dreamt. The occurrence took place on the 19th December, 1799. In October, 1862, Lord BROTHAM added as a postscript: "I have just been copying out from my journal the account of this strange dream. *Cortisina mortis unguis*. And now to finish the story begin about sixty years since. Soon after my return to Edinburgh there arrived a letter from India announcing G—'s death, and stating 'that he had died on December 10th.' Mr. STRAN reminds us that Lord BROTHAM was one of the hardest headed persons that ever lived, a Lord Chancellor, trained from his youth up to weigh evidence. Sir E. BERRY might also be described as a hard-headed man trained from his youth up to weigh evidence. And why did Lord BROTHAM allow sixty years to elapse before finishing the tale? Accepting it, however, as absolutely accurate in every particular, it cannot be received as conclusive evidence on the great question of the life after death, the agreement was made between the two

young men. Most of the narratives set out in "Real Ghost Stories" go to prove that there is nothing in the existence of such apparitions as that which has been designated by the name of telepathy. As the latent possibilities of our complex personality are so little understood, no one can judge that such a power may not exist, a power by which mind may be brought into contact with mind though separated by great distances and unconnected by any ordinary means of communication. The existence of such a power is not to be hastily assumed; but accepting Lord BROTHAM's narrative as correct, and placing it on a higher plane than mere coincidence, the most reasonable explanation would seem to be that G— had exercised this power of telepathy while in the act of dying, a time at which the power, if it exists at all, may possibly be the most vigorous. To be accepted as proof of an after existence it would be necessary that the apparition should present itself some time after death, not at the time that death is taking place.

Another of Mr. STRAN's stories may be told, as it possesses some local interest. In 1870 Captain BUCHAN, of Port Glasgow, was trading between China and Japan. On the evening of the 20th September approximately a "divertissement" said to Mr. ANDREW GLENZING, of 11, St. Philip's Road, Dalston, who supplies the narrative, "Captain BUCHAN was here to-day; he is dead and he wishes you to go and break the news to Mrs. BUCHAN." Mr. GLENZING doubted the statement, and did not let upon the request made, but subsequently intelligence was received that on the date named Captain BUCHAN was walking the deck with his first officer, when he suddenly put his hand to his heart, said "My God," and dropped dead. Some details of the story are confirmed by Mr. ALFRED BOW, of 10, Hayburn Crescent, Patrick Hill, Glasgow, who adds that Mr. GLENZING had informed him that when the charivari was in an abnormal condition she asked for a nap, and putting her finger on a spot in the China sea, said "The vessel will go down there in twenty-two fathoms of water." Mr. BOW proceeds: "We were interested in the prophecy, as we had entrusted the captain with a quantity of oil and paints to sell for us; all the 'spare money' I had at that time I put in the venture. Some time after Captain BUCHAN's death, when the vessel was lost, 'the Admiralty chart showed it to be in twenty-two fathoms of water.' The name of the vessel is not given, curiously enough, and there is a good deal of hearsay about the evidence. The prophecy of the loss of the vessel is mentioned by Mr. BOW, but not by Mr. GLENZING, the person to whom the clairvoyant communicated it, and there is an embarrassing uncertainty about dates. Mr. STRAN, in the closing chapter, headed "A Parting Word," tells us that he began the compilation of his volume rather lightly, little dreaming that he would close it with so serious a sense of the enormous importance of the subject; the net result of the study, he says, tested by its effect upon his own mind, cannot fail to be for good and almost wholly for good. Possibly Mr. STRAN's mind may have become somewhat affected by dabbling in the realms of the unreal; from some passages it might be inferred that he is tending towards Theosophy, and perhaps his next Christmas number may be devoted to Mahatmas. A lively imagination, if once it is freed from the control of common sense, will enable its owner to believe almost anything he likes. Ghost stories, however, appear to us to stand on much the same footing as stories of witchcraft. No one believes in witchcraft now, but less than two hundred years ago scores of alleged witchcraft were solemnly investigated by the courts, evidence was given on oath which convinced the honest lawyers, and not only were numbers of people condemned to death on such charges, but contemporary records show that there were some who actually believed themselves witches and prided themselves on their supposed alliance with the Evil One; so powerfully had the popular belief affected their imagination. The belief in witchcraft passed away, but the spirit of credulity still remains, and will doubtless be largely ministered to by such a production as "Real Ghost Stories."

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The French gunboat *Tyler*, left Shanghai for Hong Kong and Amoy on the 4th inst. It will return to Shanghai about the 25th inst. in time to receive the new French Admiral.

During the month of December the rainfall amounted to 1.96 inches, rain falling in regular quantities on seven days. The maximum temperature of the month was 82 and the minimum 40.

At the Magistrate's Court on Saturday two coolies were formally charged with causing the death of Wong Ping Hing, a Chinese coolie, by beating him to death with a stick. The case was adjourned to the 14th inst. for trial.

Mr. S. Reish, the advance agent of Wood's great circus, arrived by the *Zafra* from Manila on Friday. The circus is expected to arrive at the *Emersonia* on the 18th and will open on or about the 20th inst. The circus has been added to the Company since their last visit to Hong Kong.

The N. C. Daily News says: The two foreign firms, Messrs. Jones, Heath and Co., and Messrs. Jones, Heath and Co., who started recently from "Chinking" overland to Peking, have been compelled, by Chinese and other difficulties, to return to Hong Kong. The two firms, as soon as they had got a little of the other side of Tsingtau, made it impossible for their cargoes to proceed.

With reference to the nationality of the Empress Dowager we are told (says the *Daily News*) that there was a story current among the Chinese in Tientsin that she is not a Manchu at all, but a Chinese who was adopted when quite young by a Manchu family in Canton. It is said that the Empress Dowager, who is now in her 70th year, was adopted by a Manchu family in Canton, and that she was adopted by a Manchu family in Canton, and that she was adopted by a Manchu family in Canton.

The Shanghai *Mercury* says: "The police here have made a smart capture in getting hold of three bars of gold worth \$1,000 each, which were found in the possession of a Chinese. The bars were found in the possession of a Chinese, and the Chinese were found in the possession of the bars. The Chinese were found in the possession of the bars, and the bars were found in the possession of the Chinese."

On Saturday afternoon, at Murray Barracks, Mr. Kewick presented to the winning team the football medals given by the St. Andrew's Society to the Argyle and Highland Light Infantry. The medals were given to the winning team, and the team was given the medals. The team was given the medals, and the medals were given to the team. The team was given the medals, and the medals were given to the team.

The New York *Herald's* Washington special correspondent, dated 6th inst., says, referring to the refusal of China to take part in the Chicago Exhibition: "The Chinese Empire has officially notified the State Department at Washington that it will not take part in the Chicago Exhibition. The Chinese Empire has officially notified the State Department at Washington that it will not take part in the Chicago Exhibition. The Chinese Empire has officially notified the State Department at Washington that it will not take part in the Chicago Exhibition."

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The *Pochee Echo* in its annual summary says: "The past year has proved an exception to the rule, inasmuch as the trade of this port which has been going on without interruption since 1800. The supply of sugar in this year was approximately 800,000 chests, and it fell off to 345,000 chests in 1891. There has also been a considerable decrease in the supply of sugar. The supply of sugar in this year was approximately 800,000 chests, and it fell off to 345,000 chests in 1891. There has also been a considerable decrease in the supply of sugar."

The *Japan Gazette* of the 2nd inst. says: Captain Harrison, of the steamer *Emersonia*, brought the news of the discovery of three trephos in the Mariana group of islands during his recent trip to those islands. The first of the series of trephos occurred on Oct. 24th, when the Japanese man-of-war *Yura* had some of her boats and part of her deck staff sent to the island of Agrihan. The second trephos occurred on Oct. 27th and 28th, the captain passing over the island of Rota, and the third trephos occurred on Oct. 30th and 31st, the captain passing over the island of Rota. The trephos were found in the Mariana group of islands during his recent trip to those islands.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.
(SPECIALLY FOR THE "DAILY PRESS")
LONDON, 7th January.

SERIOUS ASPECT OF THE LATE EXPLOSION AT DUBLIN.
The explosion that occurred at Dublin Castle is described as an "unprecedented Dublin plot." The Government has instituted a severe private enquiry.

DEATH OF THE KHEDIVE OF EGYPT.
Mohammed Tewfik died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, following suddenly upon a slight attack of indigestion.

The following biographical sketch is taken from "The Life of Tewfik Pasha" (London, 1891). Tewfik Pasha (born Nov. 18, 1852, being the eldest son of the late Khedive Ismail) was educated at the Military School of Egypt, and was appointed to the rank of Major in 1870. He was appointed to the rank of Major in 1870, and was appointed to the rank of Major in 1870. He was appointed to the rank of Major in 1870, and was appointed to the rank of Major in 1870.

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EXTENSIVE FIRE IN HONGKONG.
A serious fire occurred early yesterday morning at No. 9, Queen's Road Central, a grand store of which was occupied by Messrs. S. J. David & Co., the first floor by Messrs. Rastar, Brookman & Co., and the top floor by the Panjani Mining Co. and Mr. J. P. Lema.

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utilised as an opium godown, and most of the opium was removed in safety, though some of it was damaged by water. The owners of the premises are Messrs. E. D. S. & Co. The damage is covered by insurance except so far as the loss of books and documents is concerned. An enquiry will be held at the Magistrate's Court on Monday, 14th inst., to determine the cause of the fire.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF A STEAMER AND ALL HANDS.
A lengthy list of calamities in the China Sea has been written of late; many wrecks have been reported, and it is feared that the most terrible in the catalogue was, reported by the *Maypo* (Capt. Lunt) on Friday evening, and the story which this steamer brought is a truly one of the most remarkable that we have ever heard of.

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There is little else to be said in connection with the disaster, save in the way of speculating as to the cause of the disaster. The cause of the disaster is not known, but it is believed that the disaster was caused by a combination of circumstances.

SHOOTING.
The latest news from the disturbed district of Hainan is that the Shanghai Press and the Hong Kong Press have been ordered to stop publishing news from the district.

CRICKET.
HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. H.K. HOCKEY CLUB.
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THE LOSS OF THE GERMAN STEAMER "MARIK".
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SHIPPING IN PORT.